



August 25, 2011

COMMUNITY MEETING

Discuss additional traffic calming on Whittemore Avenue

Dear Resident,

As you are aware, the replacement and upgrade of sewer and drainage utilities in the neighborhood is complete, and surface restoration is ongoing. Upon completion, the surface of Whittemore Street will be repaved. Recently, city staff has received requests for additional traffic calming on Whittemore Avenue, more specifically a raised device to reduce vehicular speeds. We have reviewed the request, and, taking into consideration the floodway and the location of the chicanes, we are looking into the possibility of a raised intersection at on Whittemore Ave at Kassul Park.

City staff worked with residents to discuss possible physical changes that could be incorporated in this project. Three community meetings were held, April 28 and December 2, 2009 and February 11, 2011 where residents discussed their concerns and reviewed and agreed on improvements to be included on the project. The improvements included curb extensions on Whittemore Avenue at Seagrave Road, Kimball Street, Madison Avenue, Harrison Avenue and Madison Avenue and at intersection of Kimball Street and Columbus Avenue. Chicanes on Whittemore Avenue between Kimball Street and Madison Avenue were also included.

A community meeting has been scheduled to discuss the possible implementation of this raised intersection at the intersection of Whittemore Avenue and Kassul Park. The meeting is scheduled for:

**Thursday September 8, 2011
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Daniel F. Burns Apartments
30 Churchill Avenue**

We encourage you to attend the meeting to give us your input in regards to the proposed raised intersection at the intersection of Whittemore Avenue and Kassul Park. You may also contact Jim Wilcox, Project Manager with any questions or comments at jwilcox@cambridgema.gov or 617.349.6426.

Sincerely,

Owen O'Riordan,
City Engineer / Assistant Commissioner for Engineering